

House Rejects Postponing Appropriation Bills Until Tax Measures Are Finished

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SALEM (AP)—The Oregon House of Representatives rejected 43-19 Thursday a move to postpone consideration of the appropriation bills until the tax program is completed.
The motion was made by Rep. John D. Hare, Millsboro first-term. He said he fears that the tax program might be insufficient, and that a state property tax would have to be levied.

The tax program, including a 32 per cent income tax increase and a 3-cent cigarette tax, has been passed by the House. But the Senate Tax Committee is thinking about boosting it even more on the ground it won't raise enough money.
The House spent its entire morning session debating a bill to provide compulsory arbitration of industrial accident claims. The bill barely passed, 31-25, and went to the Senate.

The arbitration would be done by a panel of three doctors. Its purpose is to reduce the number of court cases involving the claims, but labor opposes the bill in the belief that workmen would get smaller payments than they now get from juries.
The House Tax Committee, thinking about referring a 3 per cent sales tax as well as the income tax increases to the people at a special election next fall, didn't bring up the subject at its Thursday meeting. It plans to consider it again about the middle of next week.

The committee voted 4 to 3 for a memorial asking for a U. S. constitutional convention to consider an amendment which would limit the power of Congress to levy income, inheritance and gift taxes. The memorial calls for a maximum on each of these taxes, but doesn't say what the top should be.

Similar legislation has been approved by 29 states, the committee said, but some have rescinded their action.
The Tax Committee voted 5 to 2 for a Senate-passed bill to prohibit cities from levying income taxes after July 1, 1957. Its effect would be to wipe out Portland's business tax.
The Ways and Means Committee, which refused Wednesday to give any funds to the Oregon Development Commission, reconsidered Thursday and decided to study the matter further.
The Senate defeated 16-14 a bill to let private clubs serve liquor to their guests. Opponents said the bill would remove the ceiling on the number of clubs that can be licensed by the Liquor Commission.

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WASHINGTON (AP)—A Court of Claims decision has denied damages to three companies which showed actual loss suffered when Congress shut off funds for Columbia Basin Project work in which they were engaged.
The 4-1 decision announced Wednesday said the damaged companies have no "judicially enforceable" claim because a contract provision under which they worked released the government of liability if Congress failed to appropriate money.
This happened when Congress appropriated 17 1/2 millions for the project and earmarked all of it for installation of generators in Grand Coulee Dam rather than for irrigation development upon which the companies were working.
The court said Winston Bros. Co., Minneapolis, and Utah Construction Co., Salt Lake, joint contractors on the West and East Low Canals, suffered total damage of \$102,475. Fertling and Sons, Inc., Boise, contractor for construction of Long Lake Dam and portions of the main canal, lost \$24,866.
The court said it found no evidence that Roy L. Bair & Co., Spokane; James Crick & Sons, Spokane; or T. E. Connolly Inc., San Francisco, had suffered any damages.
The decision did not bar the companies from seeking congressional compensation for the damages suffered; merely holding they could not obtain relief in the courts.
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Memorial Asks Speed Up Of Topographic Mapping
SALEM (AP)—The House completed legislative action Tuesday on a memorial asking Congress to speed up the topographic mapping being done by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.
Rep. Charles A. Tom, Rufus, told the House that only 30 per cent of Oregon has been mapped. Under the present schedule, he said, it would take until the year 2003 to finish mapping the state.
The memorial proposed immediate mapping of the area between the California boundary and Crater Lake, and between Klamath Falls and Hart Mountain.

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